1	2	3	4
12.	तकनीकी सहायता	अनुदेशकों का प्रशिक्षण	केन्द्रीय संस्थानों में प्रशिक्षण पाठ्यक्रम आयोजित किए जा रहे हैं।
13.	एम०आई०एस० की स्थापना	20 केन्द्रों पर एम०आई०एस० की स्थापना	एम०आई०एस० केन्द्र स्थापित किए जा रहे हैं।

रोजगार कार्यालयों में भ्रष्टाचार

708. **श्री सूर्यभान पाटील वहाडणे:** क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) 15 जनवरी, 1999 के "दैनिक जागरण" में "रोजगार कार्यालय है या भ्रष्टाचार का अड्डा" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार के बारे में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है; और

(ख) क्या इस मामले में कोई जांच की गई है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

श्रम मंत्री (डा० सत्यनारायण जटिया): (क) से (ग) "दैनिक जागरण" का प्रकाशन दिल्ली के साथ-साथ कई अन्य स्थानों व इसके सैटेलाइट प्रकाशन बड़ी संख्या में भारत के कई कस्बों व शहरों से प्रकाशित किए जा रहे हैं। उपर्युक्त पत्र के दिनांक 15.01.1999 के इस समाचार को दिल्ली के साथ-साथ कुछ महत्वपूर्ण शहरों के संस्करणों में से ढूंढने के प्रयास सफल नहीं हुए हैं। अतः माननीय सदस्य से अनुरोध है कि पृथक रूप से ब्यौरे के साथ इस विशेष समाचार की प्रति भेजने का कष्ट करें ताकि संबंधित राज्य सरकार से तथ्यों का पता लगाया जा सके।

Backlog of Dues in PSUs

709. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of dues of Provident Fund, Gratuity and ESI in PSUs in the country; State-wise; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to clear the backlog of dues?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) A statement indicating details of EPF and ESI dues in respect of PSUs is annexed. (*see below*) Necessary legal and penal action is already being taken to recover the dues from the defaulting PSUs. The concerned administrative Ministries/State Governments are also approached from time to time so as to ensure early liquidation of PF/ESI dues. As regards gratuity the liability for its payment under the payment of Gratuity Act, 1972 vests in the concerned employer. As such, the requisite information about gratuity is not centrally maintained.

Statement

(Rupees in Crores)

Name of the State	E.P.F. Dues	E.S.I. Dues
1. Andhra Pradesh	5.87	14.17
2. North-East	1.37	1.55
3. Bihar	8.46	2.83
4. Delhi	0.33	0.81
5. Gujarat	10.62	7.08
6. Haryana	9.68	0.29
7. Karnatka	0.19	6.30
8. Kerala	1.61	1.73

Name of the State	E.P.F. Dues	E.S.I. Dues
9. Madhya Pradesh	19.34	11.87
10. Maharashtra & Goa	23.60	38.36
11. Orissa	13.76	5.28
12. Punjab	7.08	2.21
13. Chandigarh	—	0.05
14. J&K	NA	1.61
15. Rajasthan	0.47	0.25
16. Tamil Nadu	6.53	0.27
17. Uttar Pradesh	31.82	24.09
18. West Bengal	80.70	24.16

Dave Committee's Recommendations

710. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee headed by former UTI President S.A. Dave has recommended that the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) should be allowed to invest upto 10 per cent of their incremental funds in equity for higher returns;

(b) what are the main recommendations of the Committee;

(c) what are the details of recommendations accepted; and

(d) by when these would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main recommendations of the Committee are restriction on early withdrawals, deployment of superior financial portfolio management for obtaining higher rate of return, expansion of coverage of existing provident fund systems and improve the customer service of the existing provident fund system.

(c) and (d) The recommendations are under examination. However, no time frame has been laid down for implementation of the recommendations of the Committee.

Bonded Labours Engaged by MTNL

711. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has helped in rescuing 50 bonded labours engaged by MTNL contractors recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the action taken against the guilty officials or contractors of MTNL;

(c) whether his Ministry is aware of similar practice of engaging labourers through contractors by other Government departments or organisations/PSUs; and

(d) if so, the details of enquiry/ investigations, if any, conducted in the recent past?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) The allegation regarding engagement of 50 bonded labourers by contractors in MTNL has been investigated. It has been found that they are not bonded labourers but have been engaged by contractors for doing temporary work of construction etc. for MTNL and are paid prescribed minimum wages.

(c) and (d) Government are aware that contract workers are being engaged by Government Department/Organisations/ Public Sector Undertakings through contractors for doing certain kinds of jobs of a temporary nature. These are being inspected from time to time as per the provisions of the Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act, 1970 and appropriate action taken as per law. The details of such inspections carried out by the Central Government on the establishments falling in the Central Sphere during the year 1997 is given below:—

Inspections Conducted	3935
Irregularities detected	70,709
Prosecutions launched	3330
convictions obtained	2240